

**Flathead County Weed/Parks/Recreation  
MINUTES  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Meeting Date: September 13, 2021**

**Members of the Board in attendance:**

James Buechle, Clyde Fisher, Pete Woll, Lori Moran, Jessica Treweek

**Members of the Board not in attendance:**

All Board members were in attendance.

**Also in attendance:**

Chris Maestas, Director; Haily Hoff, Clerk

**Others Present:**

Amanda Davey, Bonnie Streeter, Jim Thramer

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Board of Directors for Flathead County Weed, Parks & Recreation was held in the conference room at 311 FFA Drive, Kalispell, Montana, on September 13, 2021. The meeting convened at 8:30 AM, President Woll presiding.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the August 2, 2021, meeting of the Flathead County Weed, Parks & Recreation Board of Directors were distributed to the members of the Board.

**Jim Buechle moved to approve the August 2, 2021 Board minutes.**

**Jessica Treweek seconded the motion.**

**There being no discussion and all in favor, the motion was carried.**

**Public Comment**

John Bleazard voiced his concern regarding Canada Thistle on his neighbor's property and requested copies of the enforcement file contents.

**Herron Park Meadow**

The culvert and new crossing were installed by the Road & Bridge Department crew. The new culvert appears to be reestablishing a better flowing channel. There was no charge for the culvert itself so the \$750 Back Country Horseman grant could be used for another purpose. Parking lot overlay repairs are taking place today. Parking lot expansion is scheduled as a CIP project in the coming years. Bonnie Streeter added that user trails have created a new route and opined that fall would be a good time for construction of a rerouted trail. Mrs. Streeter also mentioned that the Montana Conservation Corps and Rotary groups have indicated their willingness to contribute funding for such a project. Mrs. Streeter suggested to scratch in a trail from the stables to the crossing. Pete Woll indicated that there may be ADA compliance requirements to address. Jim Thramer stated that he would like to see signage to separate horse and bike traffic. Jessica Treweek reported that an off-leash dog attacked an on-leash dog and owner. Discussion continued regarding potential solutions to this ongoing problem. Gordie continues to increase his park enforcement duties in the area as time allows. Jim Buechle suggested a newspaper advertisement for Herron Park trail safety or perhaps a social media appearance on the subject.

### **Parks & Recreation Department Report**

Park rental revenue has exceeded revenue for the Parks Department over the last four years. Graffiti and irrigation issues persist in Bigfork and Lakeside. A small fire ignited in the bark median at Volunteer Park and melted a drip line and killed a couple of plants. Adult summer league softball has concluded. Adult fall softball, men's flag football and youth flag football are set to begin at the Conrad Complex in the coming week. Chris Maestas noted that Amanda Davey has been solely organizing programming since the resignation of the Recreation Program Coordinator June. He expressed his gratitude in her incredible efficiency as well as her willingness to tackle the workload due to several vacant positions. Recreation revenues currently exceed the last two fiscal years and adult numbers continue to increase.

### **Weed Department Report**

Noel Jinings is extremely busy with complaints and site inspections. County rights-of-way treatments are on pace and the second round of roadside mowing is underway. More contract work will take place as weather allows this fall. Ventenata is a rising concern State-wide. Flathead and surrounding counties are closely watching for new infestations. Montana classified Ventenata as a noxious weed in 2019 but it remains unclassified in Idaho. Esplanade & Rejuvra are recognized chemical treatment options.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business

### **Matters of the Board**

Brief discussion was held regarding staffing levels and workload on current employees.

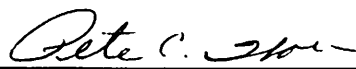
### **Adjourn**

**Jim Buechle moved to adjourn the meeting at 09:37 AM.**

**Jessica Treweek seconded the motion.**

**There being no discussion and all in favor, the motion was carried.**

Approved:

  
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Pete Woll, Board President

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